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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, and reconsideration of the Office Action dated January 12, 2006. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 will remain pending in this application.

Claims 1-2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorrells et al. (U.S. Patent 6,091,940) in view of Sasaki et al. (U.S. Patent 3,469,215). Claim 1 has been amended and is believed to be patentable over this combination of references.

The Examiner relies upon Sasaki et al for its teaching of the use of a reactance transistor. The "reactance transistor" limitation has been deleted from claim 1.

Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment and the above remarks obviate the outstanding rejection in this case, thereby placing the application in condition for immediate allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033216.0391.

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